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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT:MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA OCT 17 HIGHLIGHT SADAT SPEECH ON CEASE-FIRE CONDITIONS, TITO MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, AND LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM WAR FRONTS.

2. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA OCT 17 CARRIES SADAT SPEECH AS PROMINENT PAGE-ONE (3 COLUMN) HEADLINE ITEM (TANJUG); "SADAT: LIBERATION OF ALL TERRITORIES AND RENEWAL OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS," WHILE ABBREVIATED VERSION OF "BELLINGER-ENT" MEIR SPEECH HEADLINED (PAGE 2): "GOLDA MEIR: CONDITIONS FOR PEACE -- DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY."

3. POLITIKA'S NY CORR JURIJ GUSTINCIC IN TODAY'S COMMENTARY WRITES OF "ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION" IN WASHINGTON AND UN FOL-LOWING LATEST MOVES AND STATEMENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT LEADERS. GUSTINCIC CITES UNEASINESS OF U.S. PUBLIC OVER "POSSIBILITIES OF COMPLICATIONS IN SO-CALLED DETENT OF GREAT POWERS" PARTICULARLY AFTER RECENT VIETNAM INVOLVEMENT.

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4. BELGRADE DAILY BORBA OCT 17 INCLUDES TANJUG UN REPORT

CITING SECURITY COUNCIL MAJOR PREOCCUPATION TO SEEK POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF WAR BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES. POLITICAL OBSERVERS CONSIDER, STATES TANJUG, "THAT US VETO OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AT JULY SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION HAD IN FACT MADE WAR INEVITABLE."

5. "RED" TANJUG OCT 16 CARRIES REPORTS (PARIS, BONN) OF SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS OF YUGOSLAV TERRITORY TO MID-EAST POINTS. TANJUG ALSO REPORTS THAT WEST GERMAN RADIO STATIONS (NOT PRESS) ON OCT 15 CARRIED DPA DESPATCH THAT US. WARPLANES FROM FRG "ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT WITH YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT" OVERFLY YUGOSLAVIA ON WAY TO ISRAEL.
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